GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:341
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
AYURVEDA AND TRADITIONAL SYSTEMS OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the State Health Ministers was convened by the Union Government on October 30, 2000 in Delhi to discuss the problems coming in the way of development of Ayurveda and other Traditional Systems of medicines;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed; and

(c) the decision of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 341 FOR 13.12.2000

(a)to(c): A Conference of State Health Ministers, Health Secretaries and Directors in-charge of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy (ISM&H) was held on 30th October, 2000 in New Delhi. The important programmes, schemes and strategies discussed in the Conference inter alia included the following: -

The role State Governments including establishment of a suitable agency for the development of medicinal plants at the State level, consequent upon the establishment of a National Medicinal Plants Board. The need for State licensing authorities to promote the adoption of the Good Manufacturing Practices notified under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder which come into effect in June, 2002. Discussion on the objectives and features of the new Central Scheme for strengthening the State Drug Testing Laboratories and Pharmacies. Issues relating to standards of ISM&H medical education and need to check proliferation of colleges lacking in essential infrastructure and facilities. Measures to bring about integration of ISM&H in the health care delivery system with reference to successful examples operating in some States. Need to fill vacant posts and strengthen the ISM&H infrastructure. Discussions on the schemes being implemented by the Department through the States in the area of education, research, medicinal plants, etc. Need for States to regulate Yoga & Naturopathy education by establishing their own boards under administrative orders. It was agreed that steps would be taken to give effect to the consensus arrived at during the meeting relating to the above matters.